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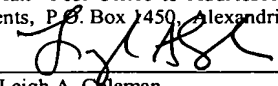
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3. Germany Patent No. DE 203 00 031 A1 to Applicant: Fan Jeeng Neng, published on March 13, 2003 which relates to a folding bicycle having a rear wheel and pedals, and middle sprocket between the rear wheel and pedals, the rear wheels and mounting element pivotable around the middle sprocket;
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27. EP Publication No. EP 0 026 800 B1 to Applicant: Brompton Bicycle Limited, published on April 15, 1981;
28. Belgian Patent No. BE 628783 A to Mario Raimondi, issued on June 17, 1963 which relates to a bicycle envisioned to be able to reduce its obstruction quickly and vice versa, characterized by the fact that the structure of support of the aft wheel is studied to turn around a transverse axis, concurrent with the axis of the crank or adjacent to this one, so as to be able to place the aft wheel between an amount of the saddle and the direction tube, the assembly framework between the amounts being made up so as to receive the aft wheel maintained in its longitudinal plane and the fork of the nose gear wheel being able to turn advantageously around the axis of direction, to lead it to superimpose itself partially on the aft wheel laid out between the two amounts;
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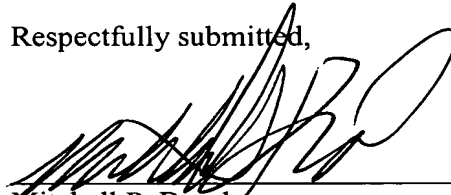
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